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TAGS: CDES: (WATERS, ROBERT)
SUBJECT: ESTATE OF ROBERT WATERS

REF: OTTAWA 4304

- 1. MRS. WATERS, CANADIAN CITIZEN, TOOK PHYSICAL CONTROL IN LEBANON OF PROPERTY WHICH HER AMERICAN CITIZEN HUSBAND, ROBERT WATERS, LEFT UPON HIS DEATH IN THE U.S. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION WE OBTAINED FROM BOTH DR. ZABBAL AND ROSE HARB, MRS. WATERS ARRANGED WITH DR. ZABBAL TO CARE FOR EFFECTS.
- 2. MRS. WATER'S MAID, ROSE HARB, CAME TO EMBASSY MAY 26 EXHIBITING POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM MRS. WATERS REGARDING PROPERTY LEFT IN BEIRUT. SHE INSISTED EMBASSY INTERVENE.

 OVER PHONE DR. ZABBAL STATED HE RECEIVED FEBRUARY LETTER FROM MRS. WATERS TELLING HIM TO SELL PROPERTY. HE HAS SOLD SOME AND HAS RECEIPTS TO SHOW THIS. HE ADDED THAT EVEN WHEN ALL PROPERTY SOLD ONLY ABOUT ONE THOUSAND US DOLLARS WILL REMAIN AFTER HE TAKES REIMBURSEMENT FOR PAYMENT OF HER RENT AND FOR USE HIS EMPTY APARTMENT. CONSULAR EMPLOYEE MADE CLEAR WE ONLY INQUIRING TO CLARIFY MATTER AND NOT TRYING TO INTERVENE IN DISPUTE OVER ARRANGEMENTS MADE BETWEEN CANADIAN AND LEBANESE CITIZENS. ROSE HARB STATED VALUE OF PROPERTY AMOUNTS TO ABOUT THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED US DOLLARS. EMBASSY DID NOT REQUEST CONFIRMATION UNCLASSIFIED

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VALIDITY OF MS. HARB'S MISSION.

3. EMBASSY HAS PASSED COPY OF CABLE TO BRITISH EMBASSY WHICH HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONSULAR ASSISTANCE TO CANADISNS THIS COUNTRY. APPEARS LIKELY MRS. WATERS WILL BE ADVISED TO OBTAIN SERVICES OF ATTORNEY. MRS. WATERS MAY PREFER AWAIT RE-OPENING OF CANADIAN EMBASSY HERE BEFORE PURSUING CASE.

WE UNDERSTAND THIS WILL OCCUR EARLY NEXT MONTH, BUT SHE
SHOULD BE ABLE OBTAIN MORE DEFINITE INFORMATION IN OTTAWA.
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